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Establishment and recognition of Catholic and Muhammadan schools in the Presidency.

* 60 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council the orders and rules for giving facilities for the establishment, recognition and grant-in-aid of Catholic and Muhammadan schools in this Presidency ; and

(ii) to state—

(a) whether representations have been made by Catholics or Muhammadans since last January urging the vagueness and inadequacy to meet the requirements of the orders and rules passed ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

A.—(i) G.O. No. 104, Education, dated 15th January 1929, laying down certain principles to be followed in granting recognition to Catholic schools in the South Kanara district and paying grants-in-aid to them is placed on the table [a]. No such special orders or rules have been issued in regard to Muhammadan schools.

(ii) (a) Representations have been received from Catholics.

(b) Action will be taken on receipt of the report on the working of the policy referred to in G.O. No. 104, dated 15th January 1929.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With regard to sub-paragraph (1) of the Government Order (Mis. No. 104, Education, dated 15th January 1929), published as Appendix III, may I know what is meant by the phrase ' reasonable number ' mentioned there ? May I ask what number would be reasonable ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With regard to sub-paragraph (3), may I enquire whether, in case where there is only one school in a locality for Muhammadans, recognition is given or not to a such separate Muhammadan school ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Muhammadans differ from Christians in this respect, that unlike Muhammadans Christians can talk the language of the locality."

Assent of His Excellency the Governor and His Excellency the Governor-General to the Madras University Amending Bill.

* 61 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there has been any correspondence between this Government on the one hand and His Excellency the Governor or Governor-General or the Government of India on the other regarding the Madras University Amending Bill and whether this Government know why the Bill has not yet been assented to by His Excellency the Governor and by His Excellency the Governor-General ?

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 238–239 infra.